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Hon. Pat Miller, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications Corp., et al. of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended*
Docket No. 04-00046

Dear Chairman Miller:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of the *Affidavit of Robert Culpepper for Permission to Practice Pro Hac Vice* on behalf of BellSouth. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re *Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications Corp., et al. of
an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as
Amended*

Docket No. 04-00046

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT CULPEPPER
FOR PERMISSION TO PRACTICE *PRO HAC VICE*

Pursuant to Rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee, Robert Culpepper, attorney for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth"), hereby makes the following statement regarding his appearance as counsel *pro hac vice* in the above-referenced case on behalf of BellSouth:

1. The undersigned, Robert Culpepper, has a residence address of 220 Superior Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030, and a business address of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Suite 4300, 675 West Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30375.

2. The undersigned desires to enter an appearance on behalf of the BellSouth in the above-referenced matter.

3. The undersigned is in-house counsel for BellSouth.

4. The undersigned is currently licensed, is in good standing, and is admitted to practice in the States of South Carolina, and no disciplinary actions or investigation of Robert Culpepper's conduct is pending.

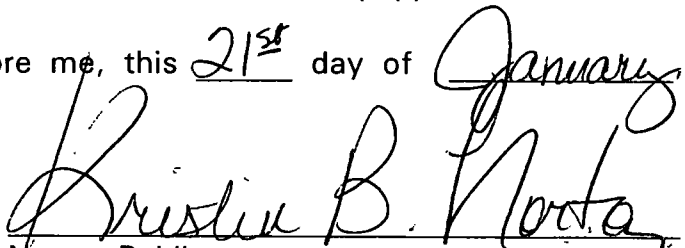
5. The undersigned agrees to subject himself to the jurisdiction of this Authority in any manner arising out of his conduct in such proceedings and agrees to be bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before this Authority.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.



Robert Culpepper

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21st day of January 2005.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires April 1, 2008
Notary Public, Pike County, Georgia



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 24, 2005, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following, via the method indicated:

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